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re Application of: Rickey D. Hart
Serial No.: 10/623,884
Filing Date: 07/21/2003
Title: SUTURE GRASPING DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 3731
Examiner: M. Thaler
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-4 CON 8

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed December 6, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 6, 2005 to May 6, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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